2019-20 Parental Notification of Standardized Assessments

September 2019

New Jersey school districts, charter schools and renaissance school projects are required by statute (*N.J.S.A.* 18A: 7C-6.6) to annually notify parents or guardians by October 1 of any statewide student assessment or commercially developed standardized assessment that will be administered over the course of the school year.

Key:

- **Number of Testing Administrations in Districts** refers to the number of times a particular assessment will be offered during the school year.
- **Testing Mode** refers to how the student will be administered the assessment. The two modes are computer-based, and paper-and-pencil. Some computer-based assessments allow students to take the assessment using paper and pencil.
  Be sure to inquire about the options if your child has a medical issue that would not allow them to take the assessment on the computer.
- **Testing Window** is the period in which districts administer the statewide student assessment. It is not the actual number of days it takes a student to complete the assessment. School districts can choose the specific days within the window to administer the test. Please inquire with your district about the exact testing dates of the assessment.
- **Testing Time** is the maximum amount of time allotted to students to complete the assessment.
- **Results Available** refers to date districts receive individualized student results from the assessment vendor. These results should be distributed to students, educators and families as soon as possible.
- **Requirement** refers to whether the assessment is required (Req.) by state and/or federal (Fed.) government, or by the district.
- ELA/L = English Language Arts/Literacy

Spring 2020 State Standardized Assessment Schedule

Assessment:	Subject Area:	Grade Level Tested:	Number of Testing Admini-strations in District	Testing Mode:	Testing Window:	Testing Time Allotted per Student:	Information about Available Accommodations and Accessibility Features:	Req.	Results Available:	Information for Parents / Guardians Regarding the Assessment:
New Jersey Student Learning Assessment (NJSLA)	ELA/L Math	Grades 3 - 10 or math course enroll-ment	1	Computer-based with paper-based options for students with disabilities	April 20, 2020 - May 29, 2020	Unit Testing Times	NJSLA Accessibility Features and Accommodations Manual	State and Federal	Fall, 2020	NJSLA: ELA Practice Tests NJSLA: Math Practice Tests NJDOE Office of Assessments
NJSLA	Science	Grades 5, 8, and 11	1	Computer-based with paper-based options for students with disabilities	May 4, 2020 - June 5, 2020	Unit Testing Times	NJSLA Accessibility Features and Accommodations Manual	State and Federal	Fall, 2020	NJDOE Science NJSLA NJSLA: Science Practice Tests
Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM:	ELA/L Math Science	Select students with IEPs in grades 3 - 8 and 11	1	Computer-based	April 1, 2020 - May 29, 2020	No time limit		State and Federal	DLM Accessibility Manual	NJDOE Dynamic Learning Maps DLM Sample Test Items
Portfolio Appeals		Select students in grade 12			January 6, 2020 - May 8, 2020					NJDOE Portfolio Appeals Information

Cognitive Abilities Test (cogAT)		Grades 2 and 5	1	Computer-based	Sept. 2019	Approx. 30 - 45 min. per battery (verbal, quantita-tive, non-verbal)			Scoring & Reporting
PSAT/NMSQT (Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test & National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test)		Grade 10	1	Computer-based	October 1, 2019	2 hours and 45 minutes total (Reading, Writing/ Language, & Math)	Accommodation Information for PSAT		December, 2019
SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test)		Grades 11		Computer-based	10/5, 11/2, 12/7, 3/14, 5/2, 6/6	Between 3 and 4.5 hours (depending on essay)	Accommodation Information for SAT		Within 30 days from the date of the test
AP Exams (Advanced Placement)		Students in grades 10-12 enrolled in AP courses		Computer-based	May 5, 2020 – May 15, 2020	Each exam will take approx. between 2 and 3 hours	Accommodation Information for AP Exams		July, 2020
ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 Additional Information	English Lang. Profi-ciency Test	English Lang. Learners in grades K - 12	1	Paper: Grade K and by request Online: Grades 1-12 (Writing portion is paper in grades 1-3)	February 18, 2020 – April 10, 2020	No time limit	Accommodation Information for ACCESS 2.0	State and Federal	June, 2020

Note: Additional right-hand column links: CogAT information; CollegeBoard PSAT site; CollegeBoard SAT site; CollegeBoard AP site; NJDOE ACCESS 2.0 / Parent Information (in all languages)

On June 5, 2019, the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) updated the high school graduation assessment requirements in both English Language Arts/Literacy (ELA) and mathematics for the Classes of 2019 through 2022, pursuant to an amended Consent Order from the Appellate Division of the Superior Court of New Jersey.

The Classes of 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022:

The high school assessment graduation requirements that are in place for the Classes of 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022 are:

In English Language Arts/Literacy, students must demonstrate proficiency:
1. On NJSLA/PARCC ELA 10; or
2. By meeting the designated cut score on an alternative assessment such as other high school-level NJSLA/PARCC assessments, the SAT, ACT, or ACCUPLACER as defined in the chart below; or
3. By submitting, through the district, a student portfolio appeal to the New Jersey Department of Education.

In mathematics, students must demonstrate proficiency:
1. On NJSLA/PARCC Algebra I; or
2. By meeting the designated cut sore on an alternative assessment such as other high school-level NJSLA/PARCC assessments, the SAT, ACT, or ACCUPLACER as defined in the chart below; or
3. By submitting, through the district, a student portfolio appeal to the New Jersey Department of Education.

Note: Special Education students, whose Individualized Education Plans (IEPs) specify an alternative way to demonstrate proficiencies, will continue to follow the graduation assessment requirements set forth in their IEPs.

The Class of 2023 and Beyond

The NJDOE is committed to providing fair notice to students and educators and will continue to collaborate with stakeholders to transition to the next generation of statewide assessments.

Please see the attached link for further information and details on the proficiency levels/cut off scores: New Jersey Department of Education Graduation Requirements.

As we approach testing, the Saddle Brook School District will provide parents and guardians with more specific dates and times, including make-up dates. All testing sessions will begin in the morning. Please note that timelines are approximate, and students with IEPs, 504 plans, and those who are identified as English Language Learners, will receive appropriate accommodations.

Should you have specific questions about your child's testing environment, please contact your building principal, your child study team member, or guidance counselor.

Sincerely,

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